Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Can you get a caste-war statement of the remaining appointments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—There is no objection.

Previous acting service—Staff Selection Board—consideration of.

42. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri.)*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether in the matter of appointments made by the Staff Selection Board they have been uniformly following the rule of giving preference to the candidates from each community who had any previous acting service;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether longer service had been preferred to shorter service ;

(c) if the answer to (a) or (b) or both is in the negative, the reasons for so doing?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) and (b) Yes.

(c) Does not arise.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Can we take it, Sir, that in none of the Departments of the State service governed by the Staff Selection Board new recruits have been appointed while there were persons belonging to a particular community having acting service at the time of the appointment. Is the Government in a position to say definitely that there has been no such case?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—There have been no such cases.

Permanent hands appointed to acting posts carrying salary below Rs. 100—particulars regarding.

43. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the number of permanent hands appointed for acting posts carrying salary below Rs. 100 and the names of such officers;

(2) what was the salary that each was drawing on the date of the appointment for the acting vacancies?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(1) and (2) It is not possible to give a complete answer as the period for which the information is sought is not known.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to give the number to-day of permanent hands appointed for acting posts carrying a salary of Rs. 100?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—From what period onwards?

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Up to this moment.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—You can see from the Civil list.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Civil list does not contain this information. Certain appointments might have been made after the date of the civil list.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—The question asked is the number of permanent hands appointed and not the number of persons now.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon. *(Vyttila).*—That is what I meant. Will the information be available?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The information will be available but not to-day. If you had made the question clearer, we could have supplied.

Debt Conciliation Board and Land Mortgage Bank—working in close collaboration — suggestion for.

44. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen** *(Kattur).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) has the attention of the Government been drawn to an article from the pen of Mr. A. V. Moothedan, Member, Legislative Council, published in local papers throwing out some useful suggestions for close collaboration in the working of the Debt Conciliation Board and the Land Mortgage Bank;

(b) whether the article in question has been brought to the notice of the Board?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) Yes.

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